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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE

BOARD

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Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Transportation

Vehicles; Rail Vehicles; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access

Board) is extending until July 14, 2020 the comment period for the document entitled

"Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Transportation Vehicles;

Rail Vehicles" that appeared in the Federal Register on February 14, 2020. In that

document, the Access Board requested comments by May 14, 2020. The Access Board is

taking this action to allow interested persons additional time to submit comments.

DATES: The comment period for the advance notice of proposed rulemaking published

February 14, 2020, at 85 FR 8516, is extended. Comments should be received on or

before July 14, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments by any of the following methods:

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- Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: docket@access-board.gov. Include docket number ATBCB-2020-0002
 in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: 202-272-0081.
- Mail or Hand Delivery/Courier: Office of Technical and Information Services,
 U.S. Access Board, 1331 F Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004-1111.

All comments received, including any personal information provided, will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 14, 2020, the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) issued an advance notice of proposed rulemaking to begin the process of updating its existing accessibility guidelines for rail vehicles covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act. See 85 FR 8516, February 14, 2020. In that document, the Access Board requested comments by May 14, 2020.

On March 26, 2020, the American Public Transit Association (APTA) requested that the 90-day comment period be extended for an additional 60 days to allow for a more thorough, careful review of the 25 technical questions posed by the Board. APTA

continued that "given the pandemic and national emergency declarations, our members

who are concerned about this issue have been pulled away to work on essential functions.

Thus, the additional time would allow APTA members to collaborate and develop

thoughtful responses to the Access Board's questions."

Although the Access Board has already provided a 90-day comment period and

held a public hearing on the ANPRM, the Board will provide additional time for the

public to submit comments.

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